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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001, please consider the following

remarks:

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001. Claims 6-24 (4 independent and 19 total claims) remain pending in this Application. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Office rejected claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Keeth et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,430,615, issued July 4, 1995 ("Keeth"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.